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Mr. LANGEVIN. Madam Speaker, today I rise in strong support of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and against the proposed \$20 billion cut in SNAP funding under the House Republican farm bill.

Coming on the heels of a sequester-induced reduction, SNAP beneficiaries continue to feel the pain and the cruel pinch of this Congress' misguided priorities.

SNAP, better known as food stamps, helps millions of Americans living in poverty put food on the table. That may very well be the difference between a child or a family going hungry or not. In the wealthiest nation in human history, it is unconscionable that every American cannot afford life's basic necessities.

Eighty percent, Madam Speaker, of the households receiving SNAP earn below the Federal poverty line. That translates into millions of working families. With these cuts, make no mistake about it, millions will go hungry and be forced to make decisions between food and other vital needs that nobody should ever have to confront.

Madam Speaker, we can do better. I call on my colleagues to reject these cuts.

REPEAL OF OBAMACARE

(Mr. HULTGREN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HULTGREN. Madam Speaker, the President's health care law is full of broken promises, and these are only becoming more evident as the law begins to take effect.

His law promised affordable health insurance for all Americans, a fine goal. But since 2008, health care premiums have actually increased by over \$3,000.

His law promised universal health care coverage, but according to the Congressional Budget Office, the law will leave 30 million Americans without insurance.

His law promised to help Americans with preexisting conditions, but the program it set up to care for them is already turning qualified applicants away.

And the once promising future of medical innovation in America has been stifled by his new taxes and regulations, including its poorly conceived tax on medical devices, the repeal of which I have cosponsored here in the House.

Madam Speaker, we've also already seen that it's caused small businesses to cut back worker hours. And the uncertainty over pending regulation makes businesses, small and large, hesitate to hire new people or make new investments, slowing down our economic recovery.

It's time for repeal and real reform.

STOP CHILD ABUSE IN RESIDENTIAL PROGRAMS FOR TEENS ACT

(Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Madam Speaker, today I'm reintroducing the Stop Child Abuse in Residential Programs for Teens Act. This legislation will protect teenagers attending residential treatment programs from abuse by staff personnel.

These programs range from boot camps to behavior modification facilities. They are often a last resort for parents trying to help a child deal with behavioral or other issues. But investigations by our committee found that these programs are not always run in a safe manner.

Just last year, the Tampa Bay Times confirmed that problems continue, with stories of children being bruised, bloodied, and choked to unconsciousness at these programs, all in the name of discipline.

My bill would make it illegal for a residential facility to deny a child essential water, food, clothing, shelter, or medical care, whether under the guise of discipline or therapy.

It would also ensure that parents have the information needed to make safe choices for their children about these programs. When a parent turns to these programs for help, they should trust that their child will not suffer neglect, injury, or even death while undergoing therapy.

I encourage my colleagues to support this legislation.

ACCOUNTABILITY AND CONSEQUENCES FOR THE IRS

(Mr. YODER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. YODER. Madam Speaker, I stand today with Americans rightfully outraged and stunned that their government has admitted to harassing Americans with audits and paperwork simply based upon their political beliefs.

The American people expect the institutions of their government at their most basic, most simple levels to be fair. They expect not to be discriminated against or targeted based on their beliefs—religious, political, or otherwise.

But, Madam Speaker, we've learned over the past days about gross violations of our constitutional rights, an appalling overreach by the Internal Revenue Service which has admitted to targeting certain Americans for heightened tax scrutiny and additional burdensome and costly audits based solely on political affiliations. These anti-American violations strike at the heart of our free and democratic society and they confirm the worst fears that many Americans have about their

government. What makes matters worse is Congress was misled into believing that this wasn't happening.

Madam Speaker, we must get to the bottom of these very serious admissions by the IRS. There must be accountability and consequences for those involved, and we must ensure that this never happens again.

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SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

(Mr. HORSFORD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HORSFORD. Madam Speaker, I come to the floor today opposed to looming cuts to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP. I urge the House Agriculture Committee and this Congress to refrain from slashing funding for this vital program.

SNAP is our Nation's most important antihunger program. It provides food assistance to approximately 46 million Americans and it kept 4.7 million people out of poverty in 2011, including 2.1 million children.

SNAP has cut the number of children living in extreme poverty in half. We should not be cutting the safety net for our most vulnerable while maintaining costly government subsidies for the well-off and the junk food, oil, and gas industries.

A Nevada child in my district who receives \$1.48 per meal is not the problem with the Federal budget. The problem is corporate welfare and the special interest giveaways that litter our Tax Code.

I urge my colleagues not to cut SNAP and to invest in our children and their nutrition safety.

DEVASTATING EFFECTS OF OBAMACARE

(Mr. MCHENRY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MCHENRY. Madam Speaker, last week, I held a telephone townhall meeting with my constituents. Towards the end of that call, I heard from a constituent who had already seen her hours cut at the local grocery store from 36 hours down to 28.

As a result of ObamaCare, industries, corporations, and people are posed with this very tough challenge: either they pay for very expensive health care, cut people's hours, or lay people off. Unfortunately, her grocery store decided to limit hours and make more part-time workers.

Sadly, as a result of this, she lost \$140 a month. That prevented her from being able to pay for the very affordable health insurance plan she currently is on. Other coworkers could no longer afford car payments, for instance.

These devastating effects are a terrible result of bad public policy, and